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April 5, 2010

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Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) is a national non-profit organization supported by its faculty, consultants, volunteers, friends, clients and program alumni. We are concerned that the Federal Communications Commission is acting too hastily in its attempt to enact new net neutrality regulations, especially on the back of the recently announced National Broadband Plan. We are categorically opposed to the imposition of new regulations that will make it more difficult for our members and clientele to access broadband. We are particularly concerned that the non-discrimination principle the FCC is proposing will deter companies and private investors from investing in much needed broadband infrastructure.

Since its founding in 1982, LEAP has worked to achieve its mission by: Developing people, because leaders are made, not born; Informing society, because leaders know the issues; and Empowering communities, because leaders are grounded in strong, vibrant communities. Since that time, LEAP has changed the lives of over 125,000 people across geographies, generations, and genders; supported the strengthening of diverse Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities and influenced over 2,000 organizations across the private, public and nonprofit sectors. We are immensely proud of the impact we have made in "growing leaders". In its 28 year history LEAP has matured from a local grassroots effort into an established, national nonprofit organization guided by this philosophy: keep your values and develop new skills.

In the 21st century these "new skills" increasingly involve learning to use the broadband Internet to further the goals and objectives of our community: raise education levels, create new jobs, spur civic engagement, and build a vibrant and sustainable community.

The Asian and Pacific Islander community that we represent is increasing in both size and diversity; therefore, LEAP believes increasing access to broadband Internet connections is paramount. Without access to broadband connections, which are largely financed by companies

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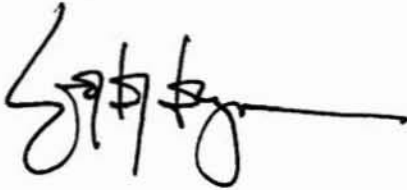
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and private investors, our members would not as easily retain the expertise necessary to equip individuals with the skills to lead, understand and address the issues and concerns of our dynamic population. The greatest single tool we have to equip individuals in this community is the internet, powered by well managed broadband networks. For example, new forms of education rely on streaming media which requires careful network management to ensure that the information is delivered in a timely manner, free of interference and delays.

By holding off on implementing these proposed net neutrality regulations the FCC will create an environment where investment in new broadband infrastructure is encouraged and diverse communities like ours benefit from the opportunities afforded by increased broadband access.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critical issue and look forward to your continued efforts as broadband internet continues to become a key leadership tool.

Sincerely,

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JD Hokoyama  
President and CEO